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Museums and Libraries

Grants geared toward improving library services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) provides numerous funding opportunities throughout the year. The independent federal agency supports museums, ranging from art and history to science and zoos. The IMLS supports include public, academic, research, and school.

Funding-wise, the fall and winter are extremely busy times for the IMLS. One opportunity, with a deadline in early 2005, is the National Leadership Grants for Libraries program that funds up to \$1 million for education institutions and tax-exempt nonprofits.

The National Leadership Program supports three funding categories for libraries and three for museums. These areas are:

1) Advanced Learning Communities

This funding opportunity supports the creation of library and museum-based

learning initiatives for people of all ages. The goal is to advance these initiatives in community, school, or work environments.

2) Building Digital Resources

This program supports the development, use, and preservation of digital library and museum collections. The goal here is to enhance electronic access to digital collections.

3) Research and Demonstration

Research theories will be put to the test in this initiative. Research will try to solve problems in real-world situations pertaining to library science and museum services.

The goal of the grants is to make sure all projects benefit the public. Proposals

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Eligibility: All types of libraries, except federal or for-profit libraries; research libraries and archives; digital libraries; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits having 501(C)(3) status; and private institutions of higher education.

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2005.

Funds: \$25,000 to \$1 million.

Contact: Martha Crawley, Senior Program Officer, Institute of Museum and Library Services; (202) 606-5513; mcrawley@imls.gov.

DEADLINE		UPDATE		
Agency/Program	\$ Available*	Deadline	Contact	Reported in
Arts and Humanities				
NEH's "Recovering Iraq's Past" grants	\$30,000 to \$100,000	Open	<i>iraq-initiative@neh.gov</i>	11/25/04
Community Development				
Tony Hawk Foundation	\$1,000 to \$25,000	March 1, 2005	<i>questions@tonyhawkfoundation.org</i>	12/10/04
Corporate Support				
RadioShack Foundation grants	\$500	Dec. 15, 2004 or March 15, 2005	<i>corporate.citizen ship@radioshack.com</i>	12/24/04
The Kodak Company	Varies	Between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2005	Director Community Affairs Eastman Kodak Company Rochester, NY 14650-0552	11/25/04
Education				
Research in Disabilities Education grants	\$4.4 million	Feb. 28, 2005	(703) 292-4655	12/10/04
HP Technology grants	\$30,000	Feb. 15, 2005	HPTechnologyFor Teaching@hp.com	11/25/04
Environment				
Conservation Scholarship Program	Up to \$10,000	Jan. 14, 2005	<i>megan.oliver@nfwf.org</i>	12/24/04
NFWF and NOAA grant	Up to \$50,000	Jan. 31, 2005	<i>leslie.ricketts@nfwf.org</i>	11/10/04
Foundation Profiles				
Waksman Foundation for Microbiology <i>aoa.gov</i>	Varies	Open	<i>fcneid@umich.edu</i>	12/24/04
EFA grants	Varies	Open	<i>efa@efaw.org</i>	12/10/04
Foundations				
MacArthur Foundation	Varies	Open	(312) 726-5922	10/25/04
Human Services				
AoA grants for Native Americans	Up to \$25 million	Jan. 31, 2005	<i>Yvonne.Jackson@aoa.gov</i>	12/24/04
Human Services grants	Up to \$1,000	Open	<i>grants@rotaryintl.org</i>	11/25/04
Rotary Foundation	Up to \$3.75 million	No later than 60 days following a major disaster declared by the President of the U.S.	(301) 443-4456	11/10/04
Law Enforcement				
DOJ prescription drug abuse monitoring grants	Up to \$350,000	Jan. 19, 2005	<i>Deborah.sheetz@usdol.gov</i>	12/24/04
Department of Justice	Open	Varies	(800) 421-6770	10/10/04
Museums and Libraries				
IMLS Leadership Program	\$25,000 to \$1 million	Feb. 1, 2005	<i>mcrawley@imls.gov</i>	12/24/04
AASL grants	Up to \$5,000	Feb. 1, 2005	<i>aasl@ala.org</i>	12/10/04
AASL leadership grants	Up to \$1,750	Feb. 1, 2005	AASL/ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant Committee c/o American Association of School Librarians 50 E. Huron St. Chicago, IL 60611	11/25/04
Regional Focus				
Asbury-Warren Foundation	\$5,000 to \$15,000	Feb. 28, 2005	(404) 724-3773	12/24/04

Bolded grants are in this issue. ★ All amounts are approximate and may be based on past giving records

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should indicate that the grant seeker has a general knowledge of current issues and needs pertaining to library services.

Partnerships are not required, however, they are encouraged. Partnerships can include:

- Community organizations;
- institutions;
- agencies that promote learning;
- public media;

- museums;
- archives; and
- cultural heritage organizations.

Proposals should indicate that the grant seeker has a general knowledge of current issues and needs pertaining to library services.

Proposals are due by Feb. 1, 2005. The

grant period is up to three years. There is a 1:1 matching requirement for requests over \$250,000.

Applicants can submit multiple proposals in a fiscal year. But, the same proposals cannot be submitted under more than one category. Sample applications are available on the IMLS website in PDF format.

More info online ...

For more information, visit http://www.imls.gov/grants/library/lib_nlg.asp.

Environment

Budding conservationists can apply for scholarship program from Budweiser and NFWF

Anheuser-Busch and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) are offering the 2005 Conservation Scholarship Program to researchers who want to work on today's most important conservation issues. The Conservation Scholarship Program will award at least 10 scholarships of up to \$10,000 each for

fees related to students' studies. The awards are merit-based and will take into consideration the applicant's commitment to develop innovative solutions that address pressing issues affecting fish, wildlife, and plant conservation efforts. The deadline for the completed application is Jan. 14, 2005.

Eligibility: Students who are U.S. citizens, at least 21 years of age, and enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree.

Deadline: Jan. 14, 2005.

Funds: Up to \$10,000 each for students' expenses.

Contact: Megan Oliver at megan.oliver@nfwf.org.

The awards are merit-based and will take into consideration the applicant's commitment to develop innovative solutions that address pressing issues affecting fish, wildlife, and plant conservation efforts.

More info online ...

For more information about the application process and scholarship conditions, visit <http://nfwf.org/budscholarship>.

Feedback

We welcome your thoughts and feedback. Contact the editor with questions, ideas, and suggestions at ryan@quinlan.com.

Foundation Profile

The Waksman Foundation for Microbiology accepts proposals for K-12 education

The Waksman Foundation for Microbiology supports research and education in the field of microbiology, including medical disciplines, agricultural and soil microbiology, marine microbiology, and the environmental interactions of microbes. Foundation focus areas include:

- Raising the public awareness of microbial forms of life and their importance to human life;
- helping to reform science education in elementary and secondary schools, including K-12 teaching programs;
- using contemporary communication techniques in microbiological education for students and the public;

- making contributions to improved reporting of microbiological issues; and
- helping to advance microbiological expertise in developing countries.

You may call or email to discuss your project before submitting your proposal letter.

The foundation does not award grants to individuals for fellowships, travel, or research projects. Grants are only made to U.S. organizations, although research and teaching activities may be supported anywhere. Project budgets should be

less than \$20,000 annually, and first proposals should request no more than two years' support.

There are no fixed deadlines for proposals, though they are generally reviewed in January and May. Proposals should not be more than five pages long, and should include the details of the project and a budget with justifications. You may call or email to discuss your project before submitting your proposal letter.

For general inquiries, contact Dr. Frederick C. Neidhardt, president, Waksman Foundation for Microbiology, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Michigan Medical School, Medical Sciences Building II, Box 620, 1150 W. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0620; (734) 995-2951; fax (734) 995-9071; fcneid@umich.edu.

Eligibility: U.S. organizations working in the general field of microbiology.

Deadline: Open.

Funds: Varies.

Contact: Dr. Frederick C. Neidhardt, University of Michigan Medical School, Medical Sciences Building II, Box 620, 1150 W. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0620; (734) 995-2951; fax (734) 995-9071; fcneid@umich.edu.

More info online ...

For more information on the foundation, visit <http://www.waksmanfoundation.org>.

Regional Focus

Asbury-Warren Foundation supports Appalachian organizations

The Asbury-Warren Foundation, established by Josephine Warren Asbury in memory of her parents, primarily supports educational and religious organizations in Appalachia.

Application deadlines are Feb. 28 and

Grant sizes range from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

July 31 of each year. The applications must meet the deadlines to be considered at the next meeting. Grant sizes

range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. All grant requests should be sent to the attention of Ms. Dale Welch, first vice president, at The Asbury-Warren Foundation, SunTrust Bank, Atlanta, P.O. Box 4655, MC221, Atlanta, GA 30302.

The foundation's website has a link to its application form and information about its trustee, SunTrust Bank.

More info online ...

For the application form and more information, visit <http://www.asburywarren.org>.

Eligibility: Educational and religious organizations in Appalachia.

Deadline: Feb. 28, 2005, and July 31, 2005.

Funds: \$5,000 to \$15,000.

Contact: The Asbury-Warren Foundation, SunTrust Bank, Atlanta, P.O. Box 4655, MC221, Atlanta, GA 30302; (404) 724-3773; rs.foundationinfo@suntrust.com.

Law Enforcement

Grant programs to prevent prescription drug abuse

The U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is accepting applications for the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program grant.

Since prescription drug abuse has skyrocketed in recent years — an estimated 6.2 million Americans reported use of prescription medication for nonmedical purposes in 2002 — programs like this are put into place.

The Harold Rogers monitoring program is not one of a kind. There are several prescription monitoring programs in place across the country. PDMPs, as

they are often called, are systems in which controlled substance prescription data are submitted to a central database administered by an authorized state agency. The programs are created to help prevent and detect pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse, mainly at the retail level where currently no other automated information collection system is in place. Since prescription drug abuse has skyrocketed in recent years — an estimated 6.2 million Americans reported use of prescription medication for nonmedical purposes in 2002 — programs like this are put into place.

The objectives of the Harold Rogers Drug Monitoring Program are:

- Developing capacity to plan or implement a prescription drug monitoring program;

- building a data collection and analysis system at the state level;
- enhancing existing programs' abilities to analyze and use collected data;
- facilitating the exchange of information and collected prescription data among states; and
- assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of the programs funded under this initiative.

For this program, there are three categories in which states can submit an application. They are:

► Planning a program

Interested states are encouraged by the BJA to apply for a planning grant if they do not have a prescription drug monitoring program in place. States that want to implement the planning process need not have the required legislation or regulations pending or in place. Up to \$50,000 will be awarded for the planning grants, and the project period is 15 months.

► Implementing a program

States that want to create a prescription drug monitoring program are encouraged to apply. To receive funding, states need to have in place or pending

Eligibility: State governments that have, either in place or pending, an enabling statute or regulation that requires the submission of controlled substance prescription data to a database administered by an authorized state agency. State governments applying for a planning grant are not required to have an enabling statute or regulation pending or in place.

Deadline: Jan. 19, 2005.

Funds: Up to \$50,000 for planning grants; up to \$350,000 for all other grants.

Contact: Deborah Sheetz, Bureau of Justice Assistance Policy Office; (202) 514-9338; Deborah.sheetz@usdoj.gov.

legislation that requires the submission of dispensing data to a centralized database, and that authorizes or designates a state agency to provide program oversight and implementation. Grants can total up to \$350,000. The project period is 15 months.

► Enhancing an existing program

States looking to enhance their existing monitoring program are eligible to apply

for an enhancement grant. The funding may be used to improve the program's data collection system, or to develop infrastructure to support treatment and referral activities. Up to \$350,000 will be awarded, and the project period is 15 months.

The deadline to apply for all grants is Jan. 19, 2005. Applications must be submitted through the Office of Justice Pro-

grams (OJP) Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, log onto <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Anyone experiencing difficulties with the system can call the GMS Help Desk at (888) 549-9901.

More info online ...

For more information, visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm>.

Human Services

Serving a plate of nutrition to Native American elders

The Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Office for American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Programs continues to accept proposals for grants for Native Americans and the Native American Caregiver Support Program. Grants will be awarded to Indian tribal organizations so they can provide nutritional and supportive services to Indian elders. The goal is to increase home and community-based services to

older Indians and Alaska Natives.

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The funding, under the Older Americans

Act, is required to provide nutritional services, including the congregation of home-delivered meals. Supportive services include information and assistance, transportation, chore services, and other supportive services that contribute to the welfare of older Native Americans.

The applications are being accepted for funding, which will be for a three-year project period (April 1, 2005, to March 31, 2008). The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, 2005, and information about applications and how to submit them are available on the website listed below.

More info online ...

For more information, visit <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/AoA/CM/HHS-AoA-05-01/Grant.html>.

Eligibility: Federally recognized Native American tribal governments.

Deadline: Jan. 31, 2005.

Funds: Up to \$25 million.

Contact: M. Yvonne Jackson, Ph.D., Office for American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Programs, Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201; (202) 357-3501; Yvonne.Jackson@aoa.gov.

Corporate Support

From electronics to funding, RadioShack is there

RadioShack Corporation, the electronics retailer known around the globe, has well established its Neighborhood Answers Grants Program. Last year alone,

the program awarded at least one grant to organizations in 38 states.

The program, which has four grant

award cycles, is now accepting applications for its Dec. 15, 2004, and March 15, 2005 deadlines. Grant seekers can submit an application on either date.

Created to bring communities together by strengthening the morals of American families, the RadioShack Neighborhood Answers Program provides grants up to \$500 to nonprofits that offer solutions to help prevent family violence, abuse, and child abduction.

Those seeking grants should prove how their organization can directly impact or benefit a RadioShack community through programs or services.

Neighborhood grants *cannot* go to:

- Individuals;
- endowments or private foundations that are themselves grant-making organizations;
- construction or major renovation projects;
- religious, political, and fraternal organizations; and
- trips, sporting events, tours, and transportation.

Grant winners selected from applications accepted during October, November, and December are announced in February. Those selected from appli-

cations received in either January, February, or March are announced in May. An organization can only receive one Neighborhood Answers Grant per calendar year. All applicants will be notified in writing of acceptance or denial.

Those seeking grants should prove how their organization can directly impact or benefit a RadioShack community through programs or services.

Organizations that won Neighborhood Answers Grant last year included:

- Valley of the Sun YMCA in Phoenix, Ariz.;
- Community Resource Center in Encinitas, Calif.;
- Manatee Children's Services in Bradenton, Fla.;
- Putnam Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center in Mahopac, N.Y.; and
- Denton County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Domestic Violence Impact Panel, in Lewisville, Texas.

More info online ...

For more information, visit <http://www.radioshackcorporation.com/cc/contributions.html>.

Tip from the Editor

Applicants can click on a link on the Neighborhood Answers Program webpage that will guide them through a series of questions to see if they are eligible for the grant.

Eligibility: Nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status.

Deadline: Dec. 15, 2004, or March 15, 2005.

Funds: \$500 per grant.

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Infrastructure Funding Alert

Regional emphasis helps Fredericksburg snare \$144,000 first responder grant

by Michael Levin-Epstein

Homeland security grants can provide local communities with the means of meeting emergencies not related to terrorist activities. The grants can also aid in preparing to deal with terrorist attacks or weapons of mass destruction. Taking a regional approach on dealing with such problems may help secure grant funding.

Over the last two years, almost \$9 billion in homeland security grants have been distributed through the Office of Domestic Preparedness to entities throughout the nation for local and regional projects, many involving training and equipment for first responders.

Ron Derrick, director of emergency services for Fredericksburg, Texas, reports his community is benefiting from the program by being able to provide protective equipment for police, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel. Without that federal aid, Fredericksburg would not have been able to provide such equipment, Derrick said.

This spring, the city was awarded \$144,052, with about \$30,000 of that money going to assist the Alamo Area Council of Governments (COG) in purchasing and equipping a mass casualties and communications trailer, which will be based in Fredericksburg, Derrick

explained. The city is now completing "list-building" to determine exactly what sort of personal protection equipment will be purchased for local first responders, he said. "We intend to spend this money wisely," Derrick said. "What we purchase will help us not only if we have to deal with a terrorist event or weapons of mass destruction, but other emergencies. We could have a spill of methyl-ethyl-bad-stuff in the middle of Fredericksburg, and have to clean that up." The new equipment will allow the first responders to deal with such situations more safely and confidently, Derrick said.

He explained that the city became involved in the grant process two years ago, filling out a domestic preparedness assessment covering response capability plans, equipment available to combat weapons of mass destruction, and training of personnel. That application was sent through the Alamo Area COG, Derrick said. Funding to local jurisdictions was made after federal officials reviewed those assessments — which he believes showed the need for considerable assistance. "If we hadn't received these homeland security funds, we couldn't be purchasing this equipment," Derrick said. "We absolutely could not afford the equipment, or the training that goes along

with it. We would be back where we were before we did the assessment."

Derrick advises communities interested in obtaining funds to upgrade and expand their first responder capabilities to work closely with the homeland security coordinator for their area — such as the local council of governments — and to stress a regional approach in planning and applying for assistance.

Derrick noted that the casualties and communications trailer stationed at Fredericksburg is one of five for the area, so that the grant application included both regional and local projects.

Federal officials have indicated that most funding programs prefer applications that address multiple agencies, multiple jurisdictions, and "regional interoperability." Area risks and vulnerability assessments, along with population, are used in determining funding. Funds also may be used for planning and training, as well as equipment purchase.

Derrick said that "some people didn't do their assessments, so they missed out" on possible assistance.

"You need to do those assessments, and be in close contact with your COG or state people," he commented. "This is something that can help you protect your community."

Michael Levin-Epstein is a freelance writer and lawyer who worked as a managing editor at the Bureau of National Affairs Inc. for 20 years.

Fredericksburg's keys to success

- ▶ Work closely with homeland security coordinators in your area.
- ▶ Stress a regional approach in planning and applying for assistance.
- ▶ Address multiple agencies, multiple jurisdictions and "regional interoperability."